

Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
FOR 10 NIGHTS ONLY!
THE NEW
WILLARD OPERA COMPANY.

Director:—Mr. CLIFFORD WILLARD.
TO-NIGHT
(WEDNESDAY), JUNE 19TH.
VON SUPP'S COMIC OPERA
"BOCCA CIO".

TO-MORROW
(THURSDAY), JUNE 20TH.
"LITTLE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS."
Operas, &c., to follow:—"Paul Jones"
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Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half-price to
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Hongkong, 19th June, 1895. [766]

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Captain Purdy, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW,
the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 19th June, 1895. [1809]

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"HELENE RICKMERS,"
will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd
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For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1895. [748]

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.**

THE Steamship
"CATHERINE APCAR,"
Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at
3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1895. [1810]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"CATHERINE APCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that the cargo is
on board after the 21st instant, will be landed at
Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns
of the Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited, Warehouse.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE
delivery of their Goods from alongside, such
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will
be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1895. [1811]

Intimations.
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
"VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [127]

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LIMITED.**

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

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OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY
is fitted with the best English Machinery,
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The purest ingredients only are used, and the
 utmost care and cleanliness exercised in the
 manufacture throughout.

The water used is proved by repeated analyses
 to be absolutely pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and
 placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and
 the full amount allowed for Packages and
 Expenses when received in good order.
 Counterfeit Order Books supplied on applica-
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 such messages addressed thus will receive
 prompt attention.

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No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or
 greasy, or that appear to have been used
 for any other purpose than that of contain-
 ing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are
 never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 1st June, 1895.

BIRTH.
On the 11th instant, at Malacca, Straits Settle-
 ments, Mrs. J. H. H. JARRETT, of a son.

DEATH.
On June 14th, at Wind Mill Road, Bangkok,
 MARY CATHERINE, the dearly beloved wife of
 Henry Clement Aloysius Johnston.

The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1895.

INDOLENCE OR IMPOTENCE?

Our Shanghai contemporary, the *Mercury*,
 waxes wrath about the anti-foreign out-
 break in Szechuen, the alleged Anglo-
 Russian *entente* and the way in which all-
 important British interests have apparently
 been trifled with during the recent crisis
 in the north, and in its issue of Thursday
 last castigates our Secretary of State for
 Foreign Affairs in the following "chaste
 and elegant" language:—

"To look the stable door after the steed is stolen
 is a proverbial description of incapacity. Our
 clever British Government has been trying to
 cover its defects by this to-day's repentance. It
 has given up every point in the long category;
 has stood afoot while the ground slipped away
 beneath its feet, and now would step forward and
 seek to regain public confidence by a feeble
 flutter after everything has been lost. No, Lord
 Kimberley, the best thing you can do is to go
 home and put a bullet through your added patte.
 You have been entrusted with the affairs of a
 great nation; you have acted as a low-bred cur,
 and have barked and run away. You would now
 try and retrieve your character by fulminating
 messages over the distances of the misanthropic
 globe, and, last and worst of all, by Russia,
 Van mused the Colonial Office when you were
 placed in it; you muddled India when a con-
 fiding Prime Minister gave you the portfolio of
 Secretary of State. You have falsified your
 reputation by making Great Britain contemptible
 in Asia. All we desire is to hear no more of
 you. We despise your activity. Your
 indolence is bad enough; your new-fangled energy
 is fatal. We care not for your politics. There
 is something more important to be done than
 disestablishing the Welsh bishops or intro-
 ducing 'local option.' It is not on such mis-
 erable subtleties that empires are founded. The
 British Empire exists not for them, and you as
 Foreign Secretary have nothing to say to them.
 Be a churchwarden or a parish councillor if you
 like, but cease to burlesque the part of a Minister
 of State."

Now, whether the whole of this *travesty* is
 justifiable in the premises we are not in a
 position to judge for neither the *Mercury*
 nor any other journal published East of the
 Suez Canal has yet been able to ascertain
 what *quid pro quo*, if any, Russia,
 France and Germany are to receive from
 China for the favour of their good offices
 in respect to the modification of the
 original draft of the Shimonski Treaty,
 and what were the terms of the agreement
 between England and Russia which gave
 Russia a free hand and resulted in the
 withdrawal of a considerable
 portion of the British fleet from these
 waters. We were assured at the time
 that there was a complete under-
 standing. It is, of course, reasonable to
 assume that France is fully satisfied
 with the elimination of the clause bearing
 on the opening of the West River; that
 Russia is content with the influence (the
 full effects of which will only be known and
 felt a few years hence) involved in the
 issue of an enormous loan to China under
 her guarantee, and that Germany will
 rest satisfied with large orders for
 Krupp guns, vast quantities of small-
 arms and ammunition, and contracts for
 half-a-dozen ironclads and a dozen
 or two fast cruisers, while the United
 States of America, as a consideration
 for her moral support at the most critical
 moment of the *post bellum* negotiations in
 Peking, will be the recipient of large
 orders for railway iron and a few
 trivial "coms" of that kind. This is, of
 course, merely a rough guess at the
 probable consequences of the never-to-be-
 forgotten crisis through which China has
 recently passed. It is not based on any
 reliable data and is supported only by a
 general knowledge of China's modes of
 "quarling" with nations and of the policy
 of the Powers referred to. The negotiations
 between China and Japan in reference
 to the evacuation of Liaotung peninsula
 and the settlement of the terms of a new
 treaty of amity and commerce have yet to
 be arrived at, and it is possible that when
 the time arrives for the publication of the
 correspondence between England and
 Russia and of the negotiations that led up

to the withdrawal of our fleet from the
 scene of action, and of our representatives
 from the conferences at Peking and
 Shimonski, and for the final settlement
 of the commercial treaty we may find that
 John Bull has not been so sound asleep as
 most Far Eastern journalists seem to
 believe.

British action in respect to the recent
 crisis has, we take it, not been a question
 of impotency or indolence, as the
 Mercury's comments would appear to
 suggest, but rather one of expediency.
 We have vast commercial and political
 interests at stake in the Far East and are,
 therefore, bound to assume, until we know
 it to be otherwise, that Lord Rosebery and
 Sir Nicholas O'Connor will make a deter-
 mined move in the right direction and at
 the proper time. Let us hope so, at all events.
 If, however, it should turn out to be other-
 wise, and Russia has been given, uncondi-
 tionally, a free hand to settle the pending
 questions between China and Japan after
 her own fashion and in her own sole
 interests there will be, we believe, a very
 serious day of reckoning for the Liberal
 party and its Minister for Foreign Affairs.
 And in the outcry that will then be raised
 the united voice of the Australian colonies
 will make itself loudly heard, for while the
 interests of the Empire generally will have
 been sacrificed, their future will have been
 in a special manner jeopardized and
 endangered to an alarming extent.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

**TURKEY AND THE ARMENIAN
REFORMS.**

LONDON, June 18th.
The report that Turkey had sent a fresh reply
 to the joint Note of the Powers was premature.

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.
General Duchesne telegraphs that the Hovas
 are retreating on Andriantsoa most of the
 road to Tanjania and Antananarivo unguarded.

OPENING OF THE KIEL CANAL.
The French and Russian squadrons arrived at Kiel.
 The French and Russian squadrons arrived in
 company.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE.
Baron Mohrenheim has invested President
 Faure with the Order of St. Andrew, with great
 ceremony. Speeches were exchanged testifying
 to the continuous friendship of the two countries.

(Special to the *Asian*).
THE EPSOM GRAND PRIZE.

LONDON, May 30th, 1895.
The EPSOM GRAND PRIZE of 2,000 sovs. by
 subscription of 25 sovs. each, 101, or 3 sovs.
 only (declared by the first Tuesday in January
 1894 for three-year-olds; colts 8st, 12st, 14st,
 and fillies 8st, 11st, 14st, the winner of a race
 and fillies 8st, 11st, 14st, the winner of a race
 (not being a handicap or selling race) value
 1,000 sovs. to carry 11st. of the Two
 Thousand and Guineas Stakes or the Derby 10st.
 extra; maidens allowed 7lb., the nominator of
 the winner to receive 200 sovs. and the owner
 of the second 100 sovs. out of about 100 miles
 and a quarter, 153 sub., 43 of whom pay 3
 sovs. each. (Closed July 18, 1895.)

Mr. Russell's b.c. WHITNEY, by I. Laureate—
 Virginia.....F. Flinlay
 Mr. J. Best's b.c. POWICK, by Starbrand
 Elegance.....W. Bradford
 (Winner trained by J. Waugh, Newmarket.)
 Betting: 10 to 1 on Whitney.
 Won by three parts of a length.

(From *Japanese Papers*).
NEW RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.

TOKYO, June 18th.
Today's *Official Gazette* announces that a
 commercial treaty between Japan and Russia
 was signed at St. Petersburg on the 8th inst.,
 the signatories being the Russian Minister for
 Foreign Affairs and Mr. Nishi, Japanese Minister
 Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to
 Russia. It is stated that the demands of Japan
 have mostly been granted.

MR. FOSTER HOMEWARD BOUND.
SHANGHAI, June 18th.
Mr. Foster left here for home on Saturday
 night.

MANY THANKS!
The Ministers for Russia and France at
 Peking on the 7th inst. had an audience with
 the Emperor, who expressed his cordial thanks
 for the exertions of the two countries which
 resulted in the retrocession of the Liao-tung
 peninsula.

(Special to *Siam Observer*).
THE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

LONDON, June 18th.
The Turkish Government has replied to the
 Note presented on May 11th by the Ambassadors
 of the three Powers—England, France, and
 Russia—regarding the reforms to be made in the
 administration of the Armenian provinces. The
 answer is not at all satisfactory, and the
 Powers have notified the Sublime Porte that no
 modification will be allowed in any essential
 particular. The attitude of the Turkish Govern-
 ment is such that the situation is regarded as a
 very grave one. The Powers are in perfect
 accord as to the line of action to be pursued in
 order to coerce the Porte into obedience, and
 the despatch of the British Squadron to Turkish
 waters is the first step in the arrangements
 made.

REFORMS IN TURKEY.
JUNE 18th.
The Porte has not wholly rejected the pro-
 posals made by England, France, and Russia
 with regard to the reforms to be inaugurated in
 Armenia. The Porte asks for merely a general
 statement of the reforms thought needed, but
 declares that it will resist any scheme in which
 is included European control of any part of
 Turkey.

RUSSIA PROPOSES A CONFERENCE.
ST. PETERSBURG, June 18th.
The newspapers here are proposing the con-
 vening of an international conference to deal
 with the Turkish question.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held
 to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.

The cholera epidemic appears to be gradually
 extending in Osaka. As many as 13 new cases
 were reported in that city on the 10th instant.

JAPANESE papers report that Li Shun-yo, who
 was seized in a plot to murder the King of
 Korea, has been poisoned, the poison having
 been given him with his food.

For being so careless as to waste a quantity of
 fresh water in a Taping-shan thoroughfare
 yesterday, a coolie was to-day fined \$5 at the
 Magistracy.

LIEUTENANT ELLIOTT, of the 5th Lancers, who
 is supposed to have been bitten by a mad dog,
 was sent by the Government to Paris from
 Simla three weeks ago, for the Pasteur treatment.

MARQUIS SAISONI, Minister of State for Educa-
 tion, has been granted Minister of State for
 Foreign Affairs, pending the recovery of Viscount
 Ma'u, whose recent illness necessitates a period
 of complete rest.

THE Chantaboon correspondent of the *Bangkok
 Observer* reports that cholera is very prevalent
 at Pollin, and that some Loo-tan traders going
 from the latter place to Chantaboon were attacked
 by this epidemic and soon died.

THE Asano Cement Company have contracted
 with the Yokohama Harbour works to supply
 2,500 tons of Portland Cement for the purpose
 of repaving the breakwater. The contract price
 is a fraction over \$20.40 a ton.

TWO Russian transport *Kostrama* arrived at
 Singapore on the 10th. On board with 816
 "recruits" 54 first-class passengers, and 18
 officers of the first-class on board. She left the
 "plaster colony" for Vladivostok on the 12th inst.

At the Magistracy, this morning, before Mr.
 Wodehouse, the drawers of rickshaws Nos. 86,
 150, 168, 341, 34, 63, and 166 were charged with
 "travelling" their vehicles on a certain footway.
 Fines aggregating \$14 were paid by the coolies
 affixed "borses."

SANCTIONS have been given to the offer of a
 bounty to a number of British troops, to induce
 them to extend their service in India for two
 years. The bounty is Rs. 140, which is held to
 be the equivalent of £10. The offer will be
 made to men of six to seven years' service on the
 1st October last.

RECENT arrivals of re-inforcements at Wladiv-
 ostok include some 20,000 Cossacks who marched
 overland through Siberia. This is, says the
 Nagasaki Rising Sun, believed to be the first time
 such an attempt has been made by the Russians,
 at least in such numbers, and their hand is very
 much strengthened by the successful issue of this
 experiment.

Steps have been taken to have the present
 waterworks reservoir at Nagasaki enlarged,
 plans from recent surveys have been made and
 it is estimated that with the expenditure of
 300,000 ym the inhabitants of Nagasaki will
 have some further 100,000 gallons at their
 disposal. There seems every likelihood of the
 scheme being carried out at once, says the
 Nagasaki Rising Sun.

PLANS for the construction of a theatre at Saigon
 to cost \$700,000 have been sent in to the Muni-
 cipality there. Several of the plans exceed that
 limit. Three prizes have been adjudged to the
 designers of the best plans. The prizes amount
 respectively to \$1,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000. The
 architect who sent in the approved plan will be
 charged with the direction of the works at a fee
 of 6 per cent. on the amount spent. The theatre
 will contain 700 seats.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to Shanghai from
 Kichang under date of the 6th instant, makes
 the following reference to land troubles at that
 port:—"It is getting hot here already. Feeling
 is quiet at present, but I am afraid that the
 land dispute between foreigners and the Chinese
 will be serious. There is no prospect of a
 settlement. I am told on reliable authority the
 piece of land in dispute is not a few *mow* only,
 but about two square miles. The buyer has
 already disposed of several strips to other people,
 including places to Frenchmen and Russians."

A FEW days ago the members of St. Andrew's
 congregation in Tokyo, and few other personal
 friends, who had subscribed to a memorial brass
 tablet to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr.
 Hugh Fraser, Her Britannic Majesty's Minister
 in Japan, took part in an impressive ceremony
 connected with placing it in the new church at
 Saitama, just over the Legation walls. The brass
 bears the following inscription, surrounded by
 the coat of arms and motto:—

IN MEMORY OF HUGH FRASER,
 BRITISH MINISTER IN JAPAN,
 WHO DIED AT THE LEGATION IN TOKYO,
 JUNE 4, 1894,
 AND IS BURIED AT AOYAMA.
 A DEVOUT WORSHIPPER AND REGULAR
 COMMUNICANT IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

At the Central Police Station this afternoon a
 large number of members of the Force assembled
 to bid farewell to Inspector Mann, and to show
 their appreciation of his many sterling qualities.
 Inspector Duncan presided and in a lengthy
 speech told Mr. Mann that on the eve of his
 departure for home the members of the Force
 had assembled to-day to show their respect for
 him, and of their appreciation of his kind treat-
 ment during his 10 years of continuous service
 in the Colony. He then presented Mr. Mann
 with a gold watch bearing the inscription
 "Presented to Inspector Mann by the Members
 of the Hongkong Police as a token of esteem
 and respect on the eve of his departure with
 the intention of leaving the Force after sixteen
 years' continuous service. June 18th, 1895."
 Mr. Mann was presented at the same time with
 half-a-dozen silver napkin rings. Mr. Mann
 suitably acknowledged the handsome souvenir
 and then invited "the boys" down to the
 Canton where one and all had a real good time.
 To-night the Chinese members of the Force will
 entertain Mr. Mann at dinner and present him
 with a silk scroll as a mark of their esteem.
 Inspector Mann is an exceptionally conscientious
 officer, highly intelligent and a first-class dis-
 ciplinarian. He richly deserves the tokens of
 esteem hereinafter referred to, and we
 are, we feel sure, only echoing the sentiment of
 all who know him when we wish him *bon voyage*,
 long life and all the prosperity which the most
 sanguine of his well-wishers could hope for.

For brutally torturing several hogs while land-
 ing them from his junk, the gallant skipper of
 the *Kin Lai* was to-day "stuck" for ten dollars at
 the Police Court, where he made the acquain-
 tance of Mr. H. E. Wodehouse.

At the Police Court, this morning, Inspector
 Burnett charged Yau Ah Lung, of No. 15 B
 Wellington Street, with using the basement of
 her house for human habitation. Mr. Wode-
 house fined the old hag ten Mexicans.

Wm. Stanton, Inspector of Weights and
 Measures, charged Kwok San Chin at the Police
 Court to-day with having a pair of fraudulent
 scales in his house in No. 41, Heung Yane. A
 fine of \$5 was imposed, and paid in a twinkling.

THE Lombard heroes are to be decorated with
 medals cast from the captured guns. The
 medals will be cruciform in shape, with a pearl
 edge to the arms. In the centre will be a
 medallion with a bust of the Queen of Holland
 on the obverse, and on the reverse the words
 "Lombard, Metarm, Tjakra Nagasaki, 1894." On
 the reverse will be the Holland coat of arms
 surrounded by a laurel wreath, and on the four
 arms the words *Holla aan, Iger, en Bloot*.

Mr. John O'Connor, who is to defend the
 Liberator "vanisher" James Balfour, was the
 "Long John" who sat for Tipperary in the last
 Parliament, but was rejected by Kilkenny City
 in 1892. His six feet four inches made him a
 notable object in the House of Commons. Mr.
 F. C. Gould once cartooned him in sections in
 the *Westminster Gazette*. His head and body
 appeared one day, with the intimation "To be
 confined in our next," and sure enough on the
 following day they appeared, an evidently
 unattached pair of interminable legs.

THE Netherlands Vice-Admiral Jonkheer van
 Casembroot, whose death is just reported, was
 known in Holland as the "Hero of Shimonski." In
 1853 he was in command of the Netherlands
 corvette *Medusa*, which was stationed in Eastern
 Asiatic waters. She was to take the Netherlands
 Consul-General from Nagasaki to Yokohama.
 On July 11th, 1853, on her return from Nagasaki,
 the *Medusa* had to pass through the narrow
 Straits of Shimonski, where, to the surprise of
 the Dutch commander, Japanese shore batteries,
 supported by two men-of-war, opened fire upon
 his ship. Van Casembroot himself was wounded,
 and his vessel caught fire in two places, yet he
 persisted in his efforts to pass through the Straits,
 running the gauntlet of seven shore batteries.
 The feat succeeded, and on his return to the
 Netherlands Van Casembroot was rewarded by
 having great distinctions conferred upon him.

Just as Russia takes up the torpedoes in
 Vladivostok harbour the crisis in Korea appears
 about to culminate, says the *Japan Gazette*, and
 adds, "the anti-Japanese party is once again
 in power, and Count Inouye, his counsels no
 longer respected, returns home. Of course
 Korea, being independent, can listen to any
 advice she chooses, but it is questionable if the
 exchange of Japanese for Russian advisers will
 in the long run be to her advantage. Russia may
 do anything in the way of an expedition for a year or
 two, but the time is not far distant when Korea
 must be absorbed, but by whom? Either Russia
 or Japan. The position offers much room for
 deliberation on the part of Japan's statesmen.
 We believe that the same reasons which held
 good in the case of Manchuria are applicable to
 Korea. It is the essence of wisdom for Japan
 to hold territory on the mainland. She would
 extend her frontiers without acquiring pro-
 portionate means of defence. Safe in her island
 domain Japan is a few years might easily bid
 her defiance, but placed between two hostile
 Powers—hostile owing to the antagonism of their
 aims—she would ever be called upon for a vast
 expenditure. On the other hand the acquisition
 of Korea by Russia might make that Power too
 strong in the North Pacific. It is a delicate
 situation, and in it is to be found the key to
 further complications. The present peace, we
 fear, will be but the preliminary to further war."

PLAQUE NOTES.

Yesterday afternoon a case of plague developed
 among the inmates of No. 10, Heung Yane and
 was placed under observation in one of the
 native *mu-chie* hotels at the back of Stonecutters'
 Island. The patient was at once transferred to
 the Kennedy-town depot, and is now under
 treatment there.

Two deaths from plague have occurred during
 the past 24 hours.

The following are the official statistics from
 June 1st to noon this day:—

No. of cases reported 10
 " " deaths 2
 " " cases under treatment 3

This statement now includes the case of the
 child from No. 9 Holland Street, Kennedy-town,
 in which the cause of death had not been
 diagnosed when the case was first reported to
 the Sanitary Board.

RETURNS.
From 28th April until 3 p.m. to-day:—

New Deaths Declared, Rem. under
 case, cured, treatment.

Hospital ship *Higgins*..... 0 0 0
 Kennedy-town (during
 last 24 hours)..... 2 0 3
 Private houses..... 0 0 0

Total..... 2 0 3

Deaths from the outbreak (18th April) up to
 May 19th, noon, 121 grand total, 122.

THE WILLARDS "IN TOWN."

At the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night,
 the Willard Opera Company produced the
 great modern burlesque "In Town."

The burlesque consists of a crisp, witty
 dialogue which keeps the audience in a constant
 state of excitement. Everything went off like
 clock-work, applause and laughter was almost
 incessant, and Mr. Willard may fairly be
 said to have put "In Town" on the local
 boards in a manner that was simply beyond
 praise. Neither time nor space permit of a
 detailed notice of this performance, but Miss M.
 Howarth, as Kitty Heitherton, deserves special
 mention. Her *rolfe* was a difficult one, but she
 exceeded the expectations of all. Her graceful
 acting and her brilliant brought forth many
 "encore" and the way the audience received
 her shows that she is already a favorite with
 the theatre-goers of Hongkong. Harry Hall,
 as Shrimp the Call Boy, made a great "hit" in
 the Green Room scene. He is a first-class
 comedian and will undoubtedly amuse the public
 immensely as long as the Company remains
 here. The dance in the Green Room was, if
 may be added, very well done. The late
 dancers who took part in it whirled and kicked
 and were loudly and deservedly applauded.

"Encore" is called for to-night, and despite
 the heat and muffled music which cannot be
 reflected even when the Willards are here,
 should draw a "tail" house.

THE SHANGHAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

ACTION TAKEN IN REFERENCE TO THE
WOOSUNG BAR, THE IMPORTATION
OF MACHINERY AND LEKIN
AND TRANSIT PASSES.

A meeting of the Committee of the Shanghai
Chamber of commerce was held on the 10th
June, at 2 p.m.

Present:—Messrs. A. P. MacEwen (Chairman),
J. Chappell, C. J. Dudgeon, J. Graham, A. Korff,
W. D. Little, J. H. McMichael, D. M. Moser, A.
Wasserahl, and Drummond Hay, Secretary.

THE "HEAVEN-SENT BARRER."

The Chairman said he considered it advisable
that the Chamber should take some steps to
carry out the preliminary survey of the Woosung
Bar for which purpose a fund had been
subscribed by the principal firms of Shanghai,
the two Municipal Councils, and the Taotai. As
the services of Sir Charles Hartley, which had
been engaged by the Chamber, could not now
be secured, he thought that the services of some
other eminent engineer should be engaged for
the purpose without delay and he therefore pro-
posed:—"That further steps be at once taken
as a survey of the Woosung Bar." This was
seconded by Mr. Dudgeon, and carried unani-
mously.

Mr. Dudgeon said that the survey of the Bar
would be a great and serious undertaking, so
that it would be advisable to be careful in
engaging for the purpose a well known

